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Council announce plans for 'creative feast' in run-up to Christmas

Councillor Ian Moran

WEST Lancs Council has announced plans for a feast of visual art, creative writing and performance to be created in Ormskirk in time for the run-up to Christmas.

From Monday, November 6 to Friday, January 5 - usually a time of pantomimes and festivities - the authority says that Ormskirk will offer magical fairytales of its own with the town centre as venue for the festive season.

The programme, called A Festival of Tales, will involve local and international artists. It will also provide creative opportunities and competitions for local artists, writers and shopkeepers to get involved, and for visitors to engage, create and enjoy the unique work on offer.

Well-known artists will be commissioned to develop new work inspired by local heritage and folklore and innovative artworks will be located in shops and businesses with the aim of animating the town centre to help make it even more vibrant.

Creative writing compositions will also be written and performed during the festival period and creative writing workshops and competitions organised for budding authors.

A Festival of Tales is being developed by the council's Arts Development Service, Ormskirk Town Centre Management Group, and Edge Hill University in partnership with local businesses. The programme has received a £15,000 grant from the Arts Lottery Programme.

Council leader portfolio holder for economic regeneration, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "A Festival of Tales is a really exciting project and will help make Ormskirk an even more vibrant place this Christmas. We hope local shopkeepers will become involved too with their own window displays to go alongside the commissioned artworks."

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, portfolio holder for Leisure, said: "Local artists and writers will also have the chance to get involved, so get in touch to find out more."

For more information or to get involved in any way contact the council's arts development manager, Helen Juste at Helen.juste@westlancs.gov.uk.

Trainee teacher to tackle gruelling fundraiser in aid of cancer charity

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A TRAINEE teacher from Burscough is preparing to tackle a gruelling desert challenge to raise money for a breast cancer charity.

Charlotte O'Toole, who is studying at Edge Hill University, was one of just 40 people chosen from 700 applicants to take part in a 64-mile, four-day Mountain Desert Trek across Oman in aid of the CoppaFeel! charity which is dedicated to promoting breast cancer awareness among young people.

And the 21-year-old's fellow trekkers on the epic adventure in November will include Olympic gold medal-winning long jumper, Greg Rutherford and author Giovanni Fletcher.

The intrepid trekkers will set out from the coastal town of Dibba en route to the summit of the 1,800-metre Gebel Qihwi via remote villages, wadis and canyons in temperatures that can soar up to 30 degrees Celsius.

Camping in the desert, the participants will be split into two groups and won't meet any other climbers or tourists on their adventure.

They will also face other - as yet unrevealed - challenges along the way including possibly having to drink their own urine!

Charlotte was inspired to support the charity as breast cancer has affected family and friends.

And she is presently undergoing a rigorous training regime to prepare as best she can for the task ahead, including swimming, running, lots of uphill walking, cardio classes at Edge Hill and bike riding.

She also plans to to climb Mount Snowdon shortly and undertake other climbs.

Charlotte said: "The thing I'm most looking forward to is getting stuck in and being part of a team facing the challenges ahead.

"Obviously I know it won't be easy, especially hiking uphill in 30 degree heat! I'm not really a fan of being in the heat at the best of times so I think that will be my biggest personal challenge - along with having no toilets or showers!

"I applied to the trek after a girl on my course at university was diagnosed with

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Charlotte O'Toole who is set to tackle a four-day desert trek for charity

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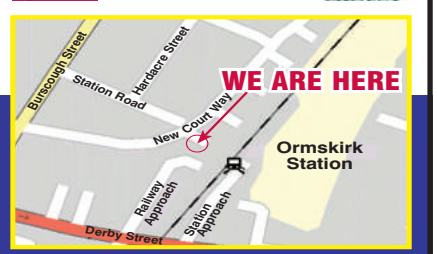

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Public encouraged to attend CCG meetings

MEMBERS of the public are being invited to find out more about NHS services in the area by attending the annual general meeting of the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

This will be held at Parbold Village Hall on The Green on Tuesday, September 26 starting at 11.30am.

CCG officials say the meeting will offer an opportunity for residents to learn more about the organisation's role and also to ask any questions they may have about health services in West Lancashire.

Mike Maguire, chief officer at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "Our annual general meeting is an opportunity for the CCG to not only highlight our achievements, challenges and plans for the year ahead, but also for us to be able to speak to and answer questions from the public."

This year's AGM is being jointly hosted alongside the West Lancs Council for Voluntary Services (CVS).

Greg Mitten, chief officer of West Lancs CVS and lay member for patient and public participation at the CCG, added: "Bringing together both the AGM and our own health network event, is an opportunity for the community to hear about the work of our local NHS and understand the contribution the voluntary and third sector make within West Lancashire."

Mike Maguire, chief officer at NHS West Lancs CCG

In addition, groups and organisations from the voluntary, community and faith sectors will be hosting informative market stalls offering useful information and advice.

Refreshments will be provided on the day and anyone wishing to attend is requested to book in advance by emailing vicky@wlcvs.org or by calling 01695 733 737 advising of any special dietary, sensory or accessibility needs.

Registration takes place at 11.30am and the meeting is expected to finish at around 2.30pm.

CCG members will answer questions on the day and would welcome any submitted in advance by email at myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk or by calling 01695 588 203.

The CCG's board meeting will also take place at the same venue starting at 9.30am and members of the local community are welcome to attend to observe.

Questions relating to items on the agenda - which is published one week prior to the meeting on the CCG's website, www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk - can also be raised by ringing 01695 588 144 by noon on Monday, September 25.

● Meanwhile, the CCG will also be holding its primary care committee meeting in public on Tuesday, September 12 from 1.30 to 3pm at the CCG offices in Hilldale on the Ormskirk Hospital site.

Steve Gross, board lay member at NHS West Lancashire CCG and chair of the new primary care committee, said: "Our move to level three co-commissioning earlier this year is a significant development for the CCG and for the health and wellbeing of the residents that we serve.

"These new committee meetings are held in public so anyone can observe them, which further reflects our commitment to be transparent about our plans and decisions."

For instructions on how to find the office, visit the CCG website www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk. or ring 01695 588 000. The agenda will be made available on the website a week before the meeting.

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The rise of the 'silver splitter'

We are all now familiar with the terms 'silver surfers' and the 'silver pound', but a new phenomenon has started to occur – silver splitters.

There has been in recent years a marked increase in more mature people in life deciding enough is enough and separating from their spouse. As life expectancy increases, so can the dismay at the thought of being in one's 60's or 70's and being with a significant other for what may be a further 20 years. Whether it's the end of a very long term marriage or the demise of a shorter second (or even third time) relationship these separations can come at one of the most difficult times of life.

Of course, any divorce is upsetting, but when the clients are into their 60's and even older, there are a whole host of emotional and practical considerations to be taken into account.

Grown up children can take their parents separation every bit as badly as young children. Often families are completely thrown asunder and that is particularly so if a third party is put into the mix such as a new partner. It can be very difficult as the grown up child of divorcing parents not to take sides.

Just as the family hoped to see parents (or grandparents) settle into retirement, a whole host of new considerations needs to be thought about when there is such a split; where will everyone live, will the old family home have to be sold and how can the income go round fairly to support those who need it? This is particularly the case where one party (more often than not the wife) has devoted time and career to raising children, in the realistic expectation of being supported for the rest of their lives by their spouse. Equally problematic is the demise of a brief late in life marriage, where the parties have brought differing assets into the relationship. Balancing the needs of the parties and the contributions that they have made to the relationship can be a minefield.

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Police issue alert to Aughton residents after burglaries

Report by **Kenny Parker**

POLICE are advising residents to make sure all doors are secured at night and car keys out of sight following a spate of burglaries in the Aughton area.

A resident first made others in the neighbourhood aware of an attempted burglary with a posting on social media website, Facebook on the morning of Wednesday, August 30.

It was later claimed on the site that there had been a confrontation between a resident and suspected would-be intruders.

A subsequent post on the Ormskirk and Burscough Police Facebook page confirmed that there had been a number of burglaries in the area.

The post stated: "Over the last few days we have had two reports of burglaries whereby the offenders have smashed a house window to steal keys that had been left on the window sill.

"There have also been two burglaries where the offenders have entered insecure properties. We believe the target for these were the vehicle keys.

"As well as these, we have had a report of males trying door handles of houses.

"These homes have all been close to the A59, mainly in the Aughton area and predominantly overnight.

"As a result we are advising people to make sure their vehicle keys are out of sight and ensure that their doors are locked.

"If you have any information or see any suspicious activity please contact police via the website or call 101.

"If a crime is actually in progress, please call 999."

Crowds at the first Ormskirk Night Market

Town to stage second Night Market

THE second Ormskirk Night Market is being staged on Friday, September 8.

Organised by the Town Centre Management Group and supported by a number of local businesses, it will run from 5.30 to 9.30pm and feature street food, artisan drinks and live music. The first market on July 29 was hailed as "a huge success with large numbers attending" by Dave Speak, manager of The Cricketers pub, one of the many businesses taking part and organisers are hoping for a similar outcome on Friday.

For more details go to the Facebook page www.facebook.com/OrmskirkNightMarket/.

Heritage group winter programme starts with talk on historic church

THE first meeting of the Burscough Heritage Group's winter programme, entitled 'The History and Development of St John the Baptist Church, Burscough', will take place at the Blue Mallard on Burscough Wharf on Monday, September 11 starting at 7.30pm.

David Orritt from the church will be presenting an illustrated talk on the history and heritage of the building and its place in village life.

The church was consecrated in 1832 and is now a Grade II listed building.

It was built with the aid of a government grant and is one of 600 so-called Waterloo Churches built nationwide to mark the Duke of Wellington's victory over Napoleon at the battle in 1815.

All are welcome to attend for a £2 donation. For more information call Colin Wareing on 07931 356204.

U3A plays host to juggling mathematician

CAMBRIDGE mathematics graduate and expert juggler, Colin Wright will be guest at the next meeting of the Aughton and Ormskirk University of the Third Age group (U3A) on Thursday, September 7.

This will be at Christ Church, Aughton, starting at 10.30am. Admission is free and visitors are welcome.

Student's desert trek for charity

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breast cancer at 23 after reading a CoppaFeel! leaflet on signs and symptoms.

"I think it's important to raise awareness that young people can get it too."

Charlotte has set herself a target of raising £3,000 and has already held car boot sales, cake sales, and kept a fundraiser diary.

And as well as her forthcoming Snowdon climb, she has entered a half-marathon next year to continue raising funds.

Ellie Baldwin, events and fundraising officer for CoppaFeel!, said: "Charlotte is a true champion for taking on this challenge in aid of CoppaFeel! As a small charity the money that Charlotte is aiming to raise will make an incredible difference to the work that we are able to do."

More information about the trek can be found at www.charitychallenge.com/expedition/2639/Oman-Mountain-Trek.

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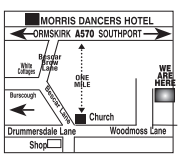

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Residents urged to self-care to avoid unnecessary trips to GP surgeries and A&E

HEALTH officials in West Lancashire are reminding residents to self-care to avoid any unnecessary trips to their GP.

Many minor ailments and conditions can easily be managed at home by simply visiting a local pharmacy and keeping a well-stocked medicine cabinet.

And NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is helping residents to understand how they can avoid any unnecessary trips to their GP or the A&E department.

Dr John Caine, local GP and chair at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "We know from speaking to our community that they would like to play a more active role in their health and help to manage their own conditions. Many GP appointments are unknowingly made unnecessarily with minor ailments that can easily be treated with a visit to a local pharmacy.

"By patients, pharmacies and GP practices working together in this way, this will inevitably free up local GPs to attend to and see patients with more complicated medical needs sooner."

The move follows the announcement in July that NHS West Lancashire CCG is to remove items that are considered of low clinical value and items that are easily available from supermarkets and shops from prescription as of September 4.

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SAVING MONEY IS SAVING LIVES
From Monday 4 September 2017, many medicines and treatments for minor ailments, will no longer be available on prescription* and will now need to be purchased from local pharmacies and supermarkets.
The NHS in West Lancashire is currently spending £390,000 annually, prescribing medicines for minor ailments, such as coughs and colds, hay fever and general aches and pains.
It can cost the NHS around four times more to prescribe these items than it does to buy yourself.
This is the equivalent of:
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One of the posters produced by the CCG

These include:

- Treatments for minor ailments and conditions, such as paracetamol and ibuprofen.
- Treatments where there is little evidence that they have a real clinical benefit, such as cough syrups.
- Products that do not require clinical treatment, such as bath and shower products.

The CCG has created new promotional materials around the theme 'Saving Money is Saving Lives' which are currently being distributed across West Lancashire.

These will encourage patients to self-care, while explaining how by doing so and removing items considered to be of low clinical value the CCG can re-invest this money back into other services.

Dr Caine continued: "In 2016, the CCG spent £390,000 prescribing medicines, treatments and conditions that fall under self-care. Savings made by removing these items from prescription can be reimbursed back into savings within West Lancashire to benefit the community.

"This change in prescribing won't apply to everyone and certain patients will be exempt. This includes patients with a chronic pain management need, babies, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers, care home residents and patients being cared for at the end of their life."

Residents can learn more about self-care and what medicines, products and conditions fall under it, by visiting the NHS West Lancashire CCG website or speaking to their local GP.

If anyone has been affected by this change or wants to share their views they can contact the CCG on 01695 588 000 or by emailing myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk.

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Ormskirk Hospital - former Southport MP John Pugh is calling for the site to be used for convalescence

Former MP in call to merge hospitals

by **Danielle Thompson**

FORMER Southport MP John Pugh has written an open letter to the Secretary of State for Health, asking him to consider merging Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals into just one site – with the other then being used as a convalescence hospital!

Mr Pugh penned the letter to Jeremy Hunt after the minister's recent visit to congratulate staff on their improved performance.

He wrote: "You are aware of the financial plight of the Southport and Ormskirk Trust and the additional cost it bears as a result of being on two sites. You will perhaps be less aware that the rejection of a hot or cold model (hot is emergency-based care; cold is ward-based care) for the configuration of services between the two sites under the last government was rejected largely for political reasons.

"It was an option in the Shields Report which was tasked with suggesting re-configuration variants following the amalgamation of two hospitals. It concluded that the separation

John Pugh

of clinical services required improved transport arrangements which have simply never happened.

"In current circumstances it would be worthwhile re-visiting the hot/cold model rather than pursuing a strained linkage with the St Helens and Knowsley Trust, which is being considered.

Proposals

"This would involve the relocation of children's A&E back to Southport along with paediatrics - thus strengthening A&E provision at Southport and freeing parts of the Ormskirk site to be used for convalescence and other purposes.

"This would significantly reduce the revenue costs of running services, bearing in mind that services were originally moved out of Southport to cover a substantial annual deficit at Ormskirk Hospital."

Karen Jackson, interim chief executive at Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust, said: "NHS England established 44 sustainability and transformation partnerships last year to improve health and care.

"Each area is developing proposals around the needs of its population and the Cheshire and Merseyside Five Year Forward View was published in November 2016.

"Running parallel to this is a review in Southport, Formby and West Lancashire called Care for You which will set the strategic direction for the local health economy.

"Together we are drawing on the knowledge and experience of trust staff, GPs, social care professionals and other healthcare providers. We expect to be in a position to begin sharing our thinking from Care for You, which will be subject to independent challenge, with a much wider audience by spring 2018."

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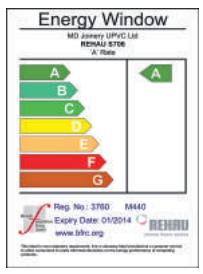

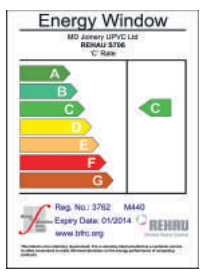

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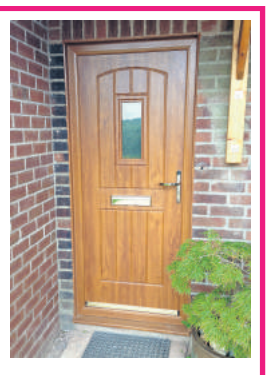

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Parbold Street Festival proves a crowd-puller again

THE Parbold Street Festival of Arts and Music once again proved a popular crowd-puller at the weekend.

An estimated 4,000-plus flocked to the village on Saturday when the event and was blessed with fine weather.

And although Sunday turned out wet and windy organisers say a further 2,000 festival-goers turned up to join in the annual feast of fun, history, arts and music.

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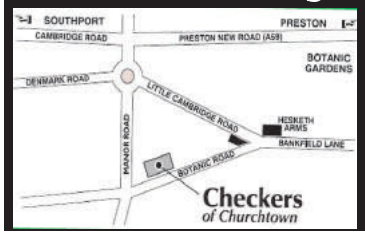

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Parks service unveils range of free autumn events for borough nature lovers to enjoy

WEST Lancs Council chiefs are encouraging residents to take advantage of the range of free events on offer from the borough's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service in September.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Autumn is a great time to visit the local parks and there are some really good events taking place, so come along and join in the fun."

You can join local foraging experts in exploring Beacon Country Park, Up Holland, on Saturday, September 16 and Hunters Hill, Hilldale, on Sunday, September 24 on Fungi and Foraging events.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen

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They will be looking to find all the different berries, nuts and fungi growing wild right on your doorsteps.

There will also be an Autumn Forage event in Coronation Park, Ormskirk on Sunday, October 1.

All events are free, start at 2pm and booking is required.

And there's a chance for further fruit foraging on the Orchard Restoration Day being held at Beacon Country Park on Saturday, September 30.

This is the latest in a series of events to restore the Beacon Park Orchard and it's an excellent opportunity to find out more about orchards and how to look after fruit trees. This event starts at 10am and booking is required.

If foraging for free food isn't your thing then the Rangers are also organising a series of walks throughout the month.

On Saturday, September 16 the focus turns to bats. A regional bat expert will be guiding visitors around Coronation Park, Ormskirk discussing the different habitats in the park and how they are valuable to our local bat populations.

This free Bat Walk event will start at 7.15pm and booking is required.

For walkers seeking a longer route the Skelmersdale circular walk on Sunday, September 17 is for you.

Meeting at 10am at Skelmersdale Library, the seven-mile walk will highlight just how beautiful and green some areas of Skelmersdale are.

The walk is free and booking is not required.

For more information and to book onto any of the events contact the Parks and Countryside Service on 01695 622794.

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Rena Howgate, one of the organisers, said: "We would like to say a sincere thank-you to all the dancers who attended and who contributed to this sum. It will be used to support cancer patients and their families, particularly in our area."

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New drive to enlist more organ donors

NEW figures show that 134 people in Lancashire have died on the waiting list for an organ transplant over the past 10 years.

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) revealed the tragic numbers of deaths to mark Organ Donation Week (September 4 to 10) as part of a drive to recruit more donors.

Hundreds of potentially life-saving transplants are being missed every year because families don't know what their relative wanted. Left to make the decision for someone they love, families often decide it is safer to say no.

The reluctance to talk about the issue is contributing to a deadly shortage of organs.

In Lancashire, there are currently 133 people waiting for a transplant. They will only receive that life-changing call if people make sure their families know they want to be a donor.

Anthony Clarkson, assistant director of organ donation and transplantation for NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "It's a tragedy that people are dying unnecessarily every year in Lancashire waiting for transplants.

"We know that if everyone who supported donation talked about it and agreed to donate, most of those lives would be saved.

"This Organ Donation Week, tell your family you want to save lives. A few words now can make an extraordinary difference. It will also make things much easier for your family to make the right decision.

"If you want to save lives, don't leave it too late to talk to your family. In Lancashire there are more than 521,000 people on the NHS Organ Donor Register. However if you want to be a donor, your family's support is still needed for donation to go ahead.

"If you are unsure about donation, please ask yourselves as a family; what would you do if one of you needed a transplant?

"Would you accept a life-saving organ? If you'd take an organ, shouldn't you be prepared to donate?"

NHSBT nurse Marc Coe with empty transplant boxes representing missed opportunities

In Lancashire there is a particular need for more black and Asian people to talk about donation. There are 29 black or Asian people from Lancashire currently waiting for a transplant.

Patients from these communities make up 29% of the national transplant waiting list but they are less likely to agree to donate. Organs from people from the same ethnic background are more likely to be a close match and give the best chance of a positive outcome.

NHS Blood and Transplant surveys show that more than 80% of people support organ donation but only around 49% of people have ever talked about it. Research shows that women are 30% more likely to start a conversation about organ donation than men.

Families who agree to donate say it helps with their grief and that they feel an enormous sense of pride at knowing their relative gave others the chance of a new beginning.

NHS Blood and Transplant wants everyone in Lancashire to be able to save lives through organ donation and not be prevented from doing so because they have not told a relative their decision.

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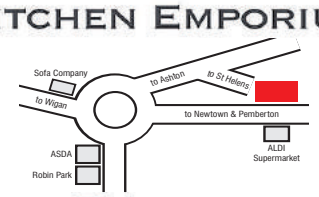

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Post Office launches consultation on plans for Outreach service at Haskayne

Residents have until October 4 to provide feedback on proposals

THE Post Office has begun a six-week public consultation process on proposals to introduce a new outreach service based at Haskayne Village Hall, School Lane, Downholland.

The Hosted Outreach Service, whereby a nearby postmaster provides a service at a set time each week, would be operated by the postmaster from Burscough Bridge Post Office, who would visit the community every Monday between 11.15am and 1.15pm.

A range of services would be available and customers would be able to collect benefits in cash using everyday banking services or Post Office card account.

Solution

The previous branch closed temporarily in 2010 and the Post Office is now inviting customers and interested parties to give their comments on the move in a six week public consultation running until Wednesday, October 4.

Lesley McNally, Post Office network operations area manager, said: "We are confident that this new service at the heart of the local community will meet customer needs.

"The introduction of a Hosted Outreach presents the best possible solution to allow us to maintain Post Office services in Haskayne in the longer term."

During the public consultation, Post Office Ltd welcomes feedback on any issues customers would like considered before a final decision is taken on this proposal.

Submissions can be made during the consultation by Freepost Your Comments to Post Office Ltd; via email to comments@postoffice.co.uk; via the Customer Helpline on 03457 22 33 44; or Textphone 03457 22 33 55.

Customers can also share their views online through a quick and easy questionnaire at postofficeviews.co.uk with the branch code 70142099.

Nursing home residents enjoy a day down on the farm...

RESIDENTS of a West Lancs nursing home sampled a taste of life down on a farm with a difference during a recent day out.

The party from Springfield Court in Springfield Road, Aughton travelled to Hope View Sensory Farm Park, in Astley, near Leigh where they enjoyed getting up close with a range of animals including alpacas, llamas, donkeys, Shetland ponies and goats, as well as various species of birds.

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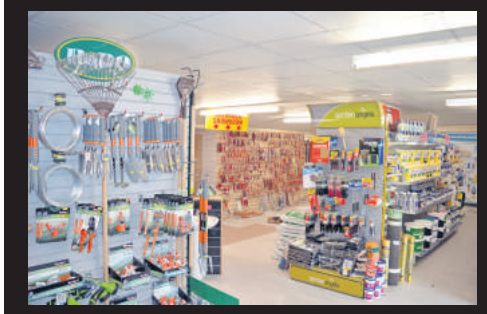

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Council supports law on equality for disabled taxi users

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs Council has been revealed as being among a minority of local authorities which are enforcing a law requiring taxi drivers not discriminate against disabled passengers.

According to research by a disability activist just 18 of 39 councils in the region are expected to meet the government-recommended October deadline to ensure equal treatment for disabled taxi passengers.

A change in the Equality Act enacted in April this year means that taxi drivers face a fine of up to £1,000 if they refuse to transport wheelchair users or attempt to charge them extra.

However, the law only applies to drivers registered on council lists of wheelchair-accessible taxis, known as Section 167 lists.

A Freedom of Information request by disability activist, Doug Paulley, conducted with all councils in England, Scotland and Wales revealed that only 11 per cent have created a list, with a further 30 per cent intending to do so this year.

Nic Bungay, director of campaigns, care and information at Muscular Dystrophy UK, which lobbied for years for the law change, said: "Taxis are not a luxury for disabled people – they often represent the only way to get from A to B when public transport isn't accessible.

"This research comprehensively demonstrates how many councils are failing to ensure that disabled passengers are not penalised. We need them all to implement lists now as per the government's recommendations, and for the Department for Transport to promote the lists as a matter of urgency."

Drivers of wheelchair-accessible taxis must not discriminate against disabled passengers

The law requires taxi and private hire vehicles on local Section 167 lists to transport wheelchair users and to ensure they get into and out of vehicles in safety; travel in safety and reasonable comfort; and are able to either stay in their wheelchairs or not depending on their preference. They are also required to charge wheelchair users the same as non-wheelchair users.

Drivers failing to comply can face fines of up to £1,000 and may also have their taxi or Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) licence suspended or revoked by their licensing authority. Drivers can appeal for exemption from the list on medical grounds and can appeal to a magistrates court.

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council said: "The council has always kept a list voluntarily but has now updated this list to comply with the new legislation. The list was published on July 31, 2017 and the council has written to all drivers of licensed vehicles to inform them of the requirements of the new legislation."

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Extra cover can be obtained for a larger premium payment.

Councillor Chris Wynn, the council's portfolio holder for finance, said: "The council obviously has an insurance policy to cover the buildings people live in, but this doesn't cover tenants' possessions they have in their homes.

"The rates are very competitive, and show how the council provides excellent value for money in providing services for its tenants.

"So, if you live in council accommodation, get in touch and sign up for our home contents insurance scheme."

Some of the benefits outlined by the council are:

Councillor Chris Wynn

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St Joseph's Hospice placed in special measures

Report by **Tom Martin**

ST JOSEPH'S Hospice has been placed in special measures by inspectors and ordered not to take on any more patients until it improves the service.

The Thornton-based hospice, which takes in patients from the West Lancashire area , was assessed by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) across a three-day period in July and the results were published in a report last week, which labelled it "inadequate".

After visiting the hospice, concerned inspectors said the "seriousness of the breaches of regulations posed a high risk to people receiving care".

The CQC report states: "We used our enforcement procedures and served an urgent notice telling the provider to take action to put things right. The notice also told the provider not to admit any more people to the hospice until the areas of risk we identified had been addressed.

'Failings'

"We found medicines were not administered safely. We found failings with safe and secure storage of medicines, lack of safe administration including missed dosages of medicines and lack of consultation and safe protocols when people refused medicines, lack of guidelines for specialist administration of medicines and lack of adequate records for the administration of prescribed thickeners - used for thickening fluids for people with swallowing difficulties.

"We found the nursing staff was not receiving periodic supervision and staff employed were not appraised to ensure acceptable levels of competence were maintained or they demonstrated the necessary competences and skill to carry out specialised care safely.

St Joseph's Hospice

"Some of the systems for auditing the quality and safety of the service were not being carried out consistently and had not identified the failings we found. The overall rating for this provider is 'inadequate'. This means that it has been placed into special measures by CQC.

"Services placed in special measures will be inspected again within six months. If insufficient improvements have been made such that there remains a rating of inadequate for any key question or overall, we will take action in line with our enforcement procedures to begin the process of preventing the provider from operating the service "

Inspection report due to 'bad timing'

ST Joseph's Hospice bosses have claimed the damning Care Quality Commission inspection was due to bad timing and they are already in the process of improving the service.

George Foster, chair of trustees, said: "Everyone at the hospice is dedicated to providing the highest quality end-of-life nursing care to our patients.

"Over the last year, our board of trustees has been working diligently with the hospice's new senior management team to address some long-standing and persistent issues with regards to clinical practice.

"It was particularly disappointing that the CQC chose to inspect the hospice in July whilst we were in the middle of a major clinical change management process and only a matter of weeks after the appointment of our new clinical manager.

'Improved'

"We are already well aware of all the issues that have been raised by the CQC.

"In the past year, we have revised and improved our clinical governance structure and processes, implemented a new staff training system and have been working closely with our local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and other clinical stakeholders to address other long-standing issues, and this process remains on track.

"Our patients, families, staff and members of our community can be assured that the hospice is now providing a more professional, safer service than ever before, but one which is as compassionate and caring as people have come to expect."

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Start of new school year prompts call to make road safety awareness a priority

Care trust issues tips for parents and pupils

Report by **Henry James**

WITH the onset of the new school year health professionals from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are urging parents and teachers to make road safety awareness among pupils a top priority.

Research for Think.Direct.gov.uk, the Department of Transport's dedicated road safety website, shows that young children cannot judge how fast vehicles are going or how far away they are.

During 2014 alone 187 children aged up to four years were killed or seriously injured while on foot in the UK, while some 85 cyclists aged eight to 11 were also killed or seriously injured.

Cathy Allen, care group manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, who oversees school nurses, said: "'September is when children return to school and a time when our roads are busy. This, coupled with the weather getting colder and the days becoming darker, results in our roads becoming more and more dangerous.

"As a result, it is important children are made aware about road safety at a young age. Practicing and talking about how to remain safe on the roads early on prepares them for later in life when they walk alone.

"The number of people texting and making calls while walking is huge, and these distractions can lead to people getting hurt."

The trust has issued the following tips to keep families safe when walking to and from school and other journeys:

- **Make holding hands your number one rule for when walking together.**
- **Teach your child the Green Cross Code – Stop Look and Listen.**
- **Wear something reflective or brightly coloured when walking in the dark.**
- **If you are using a buggy/push-chair on a hilly street, strap your wrist to the buggy handle, then if you slip and let go, the buggy won't roll away.**
- **Ask your school or local authority about cycle training in your area. Your child shouldn't cycle on roads until they have been trained.**
- **Check your child's bike to see if it's roadworthy. Look at brakes, tyres and lights/reflectors (when riding at dusk or at night you must have white front lights and red back lights and reflectors).**
- **Make sure the bike is the right size for your child.**
- **Make sure your child wears a helmet which fits and is worn correctly; it should not be pushed too far back on the head.**
- **Ensure your child wears some high-visibility clothing when cycling.**

The largest numbers of child injuries occur between 8 and 9am and 3 and 7pm. During these times there are around 16 deaths or serious injuries to children under 16 every week.

For help and ideas on how to stay safe on the roads, visit www.brake.org.uk.

Lancashire Care also provides a school nurse text messaging service that enables children and young people between the ages of 11 and 19 to confidentially contact a school nurse for advice and support with physical and emotional health.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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MotorFest is a wonderful event but the charging of exhibitors is a step too far

HAVING just read your coverage of Ormskirk Motorfest, I thought you might be interested in a little insight from one of the exhibitors.

I have been displaying my vehicle at the Motorfest since day one and have enjoyed every minute of it.

I have seen it grow and grow, to what is now a wonderful event, for both the town and the North West.

Great emphasis is put on the fact that it is a free event, which it is - for the public. However, I and other exhibitors were shocked this year to be told that, if we wanted to be involved in the parade, then we would have to pay £10 for the privilege!

I understand sponsorship is difficult in these straightened times, but I felt that this was a step too far.

It is the exhibitors who look after these vehicles and keep them in the great condition that we all saw at the Motorfest, that makes the event in the first place.

I really hope that the organisers and West Lancs Council reconsider this for next year as I feel it's a bit much when the exhibitors have to pay to be seen by the public for free.

MotorFest exhibitor, details supplied

Failure to provide adequate parking shows council's lack of consideration for town-centre residents - again!

I FULLY understand the desire for the council and businesses to hold the Ormskirk MotorFest - indeed, my own kids used to enjoy it - but it's 11.45am and my driveway has again been blocked for the third time this morning!

So bad is the situation that I have had to move my car to Aughton, so I can walk to it this afternoon to be able to drive to work at 2pm.

Just as I arrived back my drive was blocked again.

It appears the council has absolutely no consideration for residents who live in the centre of Ormskirk and fail year after year to arrange adequate parking,

Where are the traffic wardens?

A.T., Ormskirk, by email

Latest Moor Street 'improvement' scheme is a pointless project

WHY on earth are West Lancs Council spending yet more money on Moor Street in Ormskirk?

After the massive and expensive works done recently, which have been very successful, why do they want to do more alterations?

The paving in Aughton Street is in an appalling condition, and positively dangerous in parts.

I am amazed that somebody hasn't sued the council before now, as there must have been a lot of falls there. I have actually been one of them!

Please, councillors, look at the problems there before wasting more money supposedly improving something that doesn't need improvement.

Mrs Marilyn Porter, Brighouse Close, Ormskirk

PICTURE of the week

Liverpool actor Izzie Major takes on her role as 'Ona' in the Legend of Parbold Hill, one of the performances in last weekend's Festival of Arts and Music staged throughout the village. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Council should spend the money where it's needed

THE comment by Councillor John Hodson (Champion, August 30) that planned work in Moor Street, Ormskirk "will help to make this gateway into Ormskirk even more attractive to people arriving by public transport" is fatuous.

Does he not realise that the very same people may well have witnessed the disgusting state of the untended gutters, pavements and central reservations on their way into (what once was) a beautifully cared-for market town?

They will probably have passed the apparently abandoned fire station roundabout, at one time a delightfully maintained and immaculate 'gateway' into Ormskirk.

Spend the money where it's needed, Mr Hodson.

Ashamed resident, details supplied

How many men does it to take to dismantle market stalls?

I WONDER if the local council can explain why so many workers are needed to help remove the metal frames of the market stalls?

Whilst walking down Aughton Street, which I do most Thursdays around 6pm, I am always amazed why so many - at least 10 - council workmen are employed for this purpose.

Surely the job could be done by two men with the money saved being used to clear the weeds around the pavements and put flowers in the roundabouts. I am not naive enough to think this could actually happen but it is perhaps food for thought for our local council.

J. L., by email

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Using Tawd as dumping ground is a disgrace

IT'S an absolute disgrace that once again rubbish has been dumped at the Tawd.

This time it happens to be a ripped-out full bathroom suite, along with left-over-plaster bucket, discarded tiles etc.

This area is constantly used for tipping just before the bridge that connects the paths that lead up to Lathom school.

If someone has paid to have this removed correctly they should be asking questions.

Mal Lloyd, by email

Whitemoss Fund money should go to those directly affected by site

ON August 2 the Champion ran an article headed 'Community projects awarded grants totalling £80,000 from Whitemoss fund' and I see Rob Routledge says he is committed to supporting our local community.

This money should go to communities that are directly affected by Whitemoss hazardous waste landfill site. However, most of the money has gone to places that are not disturbed by Whitemoss.

The purpose of the fund is to compensate the affected communities for the bad neighbour impact.

The communities within a mile of the site have to live with the problems created in their everyday lives. Examples include smell, dust and noise and potential threat to their health.

The money has been given to projects in Westhead, Burscough and Up Holland that are too far away to be affected.

I bet some of those who have benefited don't even know where Whitemoss is.

This money should be more fairly distributed. Let the money go where it should go - to projects within a mile of the site.

County Cllr. Terry Aldridge, Little Digmoor

Setting children a great example? I don't think so!

AFTER shopping at Asda on Saturday, August 26 I put my trolley where it was easy for another customer to get, specially disabled customers, making sure it didn't roll anywhere.

Then a woman in her car just pulling out of a parking bay for those with children on board hurled abuse at me shouting "silly old woman!"

What a lovely example to the child or children in the car!

Elizabeth Urquart, by email

Rufford-born actor lands leading role in Cilla musical

FORMER Tarleton High pupil, Andrew Lancel is set for a leading role in *Cilla - The Musical*, which has its world premiere at the Liverpool Empire tomorrow (Thursday, September 7).

Lancel, a familiar face from TV after featuring in Coronation Street and The Bill among others, plays music mogul Brian Epstein in the production tracing the Cilla Black story from teenage dreams of stardom to becoming one of Britain's best-loved entertainers.

The Rufford-born actor has played the role before in *Epstein - The Man Who Made The Beatles,* which opened in Liverpool before transferring to the Leicester Square Theatre in 2014 where Lancel's performance was described as "mesmerising".

Cilla - The Musical is an adaptation of the critically-acclaimed hit ITV television series by Bafta-Award winner Jeff Pope.

It tells the story of how an introduction by John Lennon to Epstein changes the young Priscilla White's life forever. And by the age of just 25 she had become singer and TV Star Cilla Black, a No. 1 selling artist at the forefront of the Brit-Pop music scene.

The musical score is a soundtrack to the 1960s including Cilla's greatest hits, *Anyone Who Had a Heart* and *Alfie,* along with *Twist and Shout* by the Beatles and *California Dreamin* by The Mamas and The Papas.

The show will be at the Liverpool Empire until Saturday, September 16.

Couple's party boost for children's charity

A BIG-hearted couple, who recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary, have raised a four-figure sum for a Lancashire children's charity.

John and Alma Mercer held a fundraising garden party at their home in Bickerstaffe in aid of Mawdesley-based Rainbow House which provides specialist therapy and education for children with disabilities, brain injuries, and life-limiting conditions.

More than 60 people attended the party - the third that the couple have staged - enjoying Alma's homemade cakes and refreshments, a mini-shooting range and treasure hunt, plus many other games and stalls.

The couple's son-in-law, Stew Cranage, who is also a fundraising volunteer at Rainbow House, said: "John and Alma are thrilled with the total raised and wish to thank everyone for the support shown.

"The Bickerstaffe community have been exceptional in their support. The party has already raised £1,200 and amazingly we are still receiving donations from family and friends who were unable to attend on the day."

The couple with their cheque for £1,200

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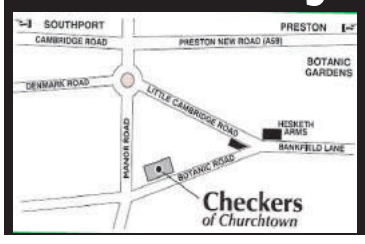

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Creative writing graduate wins university's first Playwriting Prize

GRADUATE Ryan Leder, who completed his BA (Hons) creative writing degree this year, has been awarded Edge Hill University's first Dame Janet Suzman Playwriting Prize.

His script for *Numbered Days* impressed the panel with its effective use of dialogue, tight structure and creative approach to topical issues of identity and sexuality.

The play has since been performed at The Core at Corby Cube's Launchpad Festival in Northamptonshire, where it received critical acclaim.

Ryan said: "Edge Hill has been extremely generous to me since the day I applied. For all the support, scholarships and opportunities it has given me, I owe it a great deal. Now, with this incredible prospect that the judging panel and Dame Janet herself have given me, I have the incentive and asset to advance my career further and do justice to this wonderful award."

Dame Janet commented: "I am delighted this first Playwriting Prize has been awarded to someone who has gone through the mill of an initial production and on to further development of his work. The pathway to a successful and creative life in the theatre is marked out and I wish him all the luck in the world for the future".

The prize aims to recognise, nurture and develop students' talents writing for the stage. Submissions had to be performable by four actors or fewer within a 45 to 60-minute duration. The prize was open to Edge Hill students on creative writing and performing arts courses.

Ryan will receive a £1,000 prize, and the play will be produced and staged at the university's Arts Centre. He will receive the award at Edge Hill's Scholarships Evening in November.

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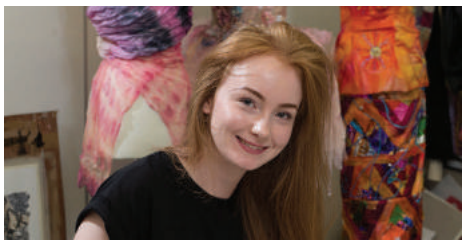

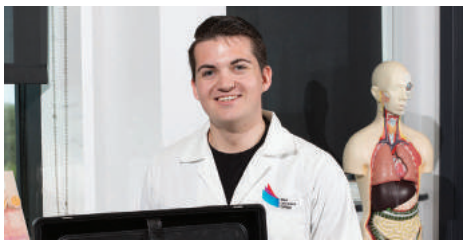

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Shirley Rigby (left) with friends, Pat, Tina and Emma at the opening of Boobilicous in Up Holland

Cancer survivor's specialist bra shop off to flying start

A FORMER school teacher who has beaten breast cancer twice has set up a lingerie business specialising in supplying bras for fellow survivors of the disease.

Shirley Rigby opened her shop, Boobilicous, on the site of the Old Post Office in Hall Green, Up Holland in August and says it has already been well received.

The 54-year-old decided to open the shop after experiencing difficulty sourcing specially-made bras locally.

So, after, taking redundancy from her job as a cover supervisor at Up Holland High School, where she had worked for 14 years, she used the money to set up Boobilicious.

The shop officially opened on Saturday August 19 and Shirley says: "The opening went really well.

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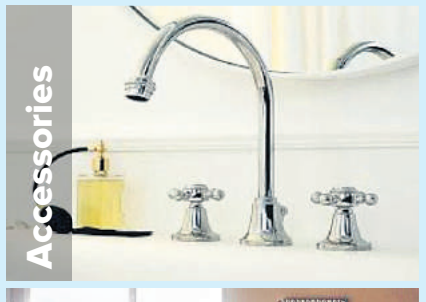

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Southport Air Show set to roar into action!

The Champion has five pairs of tickets up for grabs for the spectacular Friday night launch event...

THE skies over Southport are set to thunder with the roar of jet engines, the thrum of propellers and the sight of amazing flying machines at the 2017 Air Show.

Three days of awe-inspiring, jaw-dropping displays begin with a special Friday launch event.

The 26th annual Southport Air Show takes place on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17, but on Friday, September 15, the skies will light up with displays from The Blades, Fireflies Display Team, Tigers Free Fall Team and the spectacular Eurofighter Typhoon.

There will be pyros and LED lights on planes, as well as a firework finale on the beach to end the special evening.

And to celebrate the Champion is giving away five pairs of tickets.

To be in with a chance of winning two tickets for the Friday evening display all you need to do is tell us the answer to the following question:

Q: What milestone birthday did Southport Air Show reach last year?

Send your answer, along with a name, valid email address and a daytime telephone number, to: Southport Air Show Competition, Champion Newspapers, Clare House, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 0QA. The deadline for entries is Friday, September 8.

The prize is for a pair of tickets for the Friday night launch which allows access for two people. Under-fives go free. Parking is not included.

Discounted tickets for each day of the Air Show are still available to buy in advance and start at just £6.50 (including all fees).

As well as numerous flying displays throughout the weekend, there will be a host of fun-filled activities taking place on the ground including military tanks, a diving tank, a replica Typhoon and the return of the much-loved beach explosions!

Councillor Marion Atkinson, Sefton Council's member for regeneration and skills, said: "The 26th Southport Air Show is, as ever, shaping up to be a fantastic three-day event for all the family and I can't wait to see the huge crowds across the weekend.

"With the return of the Friday night flying displays, this promises to be an exciting weekend for the Southport Air Show and the whole of the borough. If you are planning to attend one of the three days, please get there early and make the most of your visit to Southport."

Public invited to hospital trust AGM

MEMBERS of the public are invited to the annual general meeting of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust to be held in the lecture theatre of the Clinical Education Centre at Southport & Formby District General Hospital, starting at 3.30pm on Wednesday, September 20.

Hosted by trust chair, Richard Fraser and attended by members of the board, including interim chief executive, Karen Jackson, the event will include presentations by the director of nursing and the director of finance.

The public will also have the opportunity to ask questions of board members.

Light refreshments will be available from 3pm and the event is expected to conclude no later than 5.30pm.

The trust annual report is available at www.southportandormskirk.nhs.uk under the 'how we are performing section'. Alternatively, copies are available on request from the trust by calling the marketing and communications department on 01704 704714.

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Edge Hill Short Story Prize winner named

DAISY Johnson has been named the winner of the £10,000 Edge Hill Prize for the Short Story at the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

Johnson's collection, *Fen*, features stories are set in an uncanny and weirdly magical East Anglian landscape. It was chosen from a shortlist of five.

The delighted winner said: "This is the first prize I've won for the collection and it is such a privilege. I am honoured to be among so many amazing female short story writers, and I hope to be involved with Edge Hill again in the future."

The Edge Hill Short Story Prize is the only UK-based award that recognizes excellence in published short story collections and also includes a £1,000 Reader's Choice Award to an author from the shortlist. This went to Lucy Caldwell for her collection, *Multitude*.

Prize organiser, Ailsa Cox, professor of short fiction at the Ormskirk university, said: "This has been a bumper year for the prize. The standard of entries has been astonishing."

Professor Ailsa Cox (left) with Edge Hill Short Story Prize winner Daisy Johnson

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Local slimmer Sarah lost 3st with Slimming World - here's her story...

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My Slimming World group is a special place. Right from the start my Consultant and the other members were so welcoming and caring they're like a second family. We have a lot of fun and really support each other through the ups and downs of losing weight, as well as swapping recipes and food ideas. They've given me plenty of tips to save money on my shopping too.

I love it that we can still enjo,y so many of the family's favourite meals, like pasta dishes, curries and roast dinners - and I can still have the occasional treat like chocolate. Best of all I'm never hungry and I'm in control. Thanks to Slimming World I've now been at Target for 12 months and with the support of my group I had no problem getting back to Target after the birth of my daughter. I feel so happy knowing I'm so much healthier. If you want to lose weight and live happy find yourself a Slimming World group. I was so glad I did and I promise you will be too."
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ADVERTISING FEATURE

West Lancashire slimmers fund raise by stepping out for Cancer Research UK!

A group of West Lancashire slimmers recently took part in a sponsored walk in aid of CRUK. The Walk All Over Cancer with Slimming World event where slimmers across the UK and Ireland were sponsored to hit a self-selected steps target by their friends and families. To honour their achievements and raise even more money for the charity, the group held their own celebration walking 560,000 steps together at Edge Hill University - an achievement many of the group members would never have dreamt possible before losing weight.

The champion slimmers attend Slimming World groups throughout West Lancashire. As well as raising vital funds for charity, the members aimed to raise awareness of the fact that keeping a healthy weight can reduce the risk of developing 13 types of cancer.

Mum of two and Slimming World member Sarah Salka, who took part in the event has lost 3st since joining her local group . She said she walks regularly now but admits "I couldn't run for a bus' before losing weight".

Sarah said before losing the weight an event like this would have felt completely out of reach. "I barely had the energy to go about my day, let alone go for a walk. I would never have thought I could do something like this."

"From the moment I walked through the door of my group everything changed. I was welcomed so warmly and instantly made to feel like I was worth something again. Everyone in that room became a friend in seconds, and they still are. We are all there for the same reason - to lose weight and to help and support each other to do the same."

"As the weight came off I found I had so much more energy. The eating plan means I can fill up on lots of tasty everyday food - I never feel hungry or deprived and I can still treat myself every now and then too."

"In our group we started talking about easy ways to fit steps into our everyday lives and I soon realised how much more I could be walking without much more effort. Parking the car further from work, walking with friends, getting off the bus a stop early, playing with the kids/grandkids, taking the stairs instead of the lift - I soon found easy ways to fit in more steps and build up my activity levels at a pace that suited me. Completing this walk with all of my Slimming World friends has been the icing on the cake of my weight loss journey."

Super slimmer Keeley Williams lost 3st 7lb with her local Slimming World group

"After several attempts of losing weight unsuccessfully on my own I decided to join my local Slimming World group after seeing so many success stories in the **Champion**.

My group is a special place. Right from the start my Consultant and other members were so welcoming and caring - they're like a second family. We have a lot of fun and really support each other through the ups and downs of losing weight, as well as swapping recipes and food ideas. They've given me plenty of tips on eating out and socialising, which was really important to me as a 22 year old.

I love that I can still enjoy so many of my favourite meals like roast dinners, spaghetti bolognese and curry - and I've been able to have my favourite tipple of gin and slimline tonic. Best of all I'm never hungry and I'm in control.

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Society chairman, Derek Hughes, said: "TechnoJAM is a completely free event, organised by the Quantum Amateur Radio and Technology Society that will enable people who are interested in all forms of technology to come together and share their knowledge, learn new things and meet other technology fans.

"You don't have to be of any particular level of expertise to enjoy technoJAM, it caters for everyone - from beginners dabbling in technology for the first time, through to seasoned dabblers who have been doing it for a long time.

"It also appeals to all ages and we welcome everyone from primary and secondary schools right through to adults who have more time on their hands and want to learn new skills.

"Throughout the day there will be a show-and-tell area and a project area, running a variety of workshops including how to build electronic circuits and control them; how to encrypt and decrypt secret messages; and how to use 3D-printing.

"If you bring a Pringles tin, we can teach you to build yourself a top-secret Enigma machine!"

Further details and online registration can be found at technojam.uk.

Rosie kicks up a stink!

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has called for action from the Environment Agency after receiving complaints from residents and Simonswood Parish Council about unpleasant smells from a business on the nearby Knowsley Business Park.

From April to June this year the agency received 31 reports of a foul-smelling odour in the area from the Suez recycling station.

Having written to the agency, the MP confirmed that it is working with the operator to produce a plan identifying the root cause of the smell and its eradication.

In the meantime, Suez have carried out some mitigation work whilst a comprehensive resolution to the issue is sought.

Ms Cooper said: "I am grateful to the Environment Agency for taking action and to the operators, Suez, for carrying out short-term mitigation but clearly there has to be a longer term solution to the issues raised by my constituents and the parish council.

"I will continue to monitor the situation closely until I am assured that local residents will no longer have to put up with the odour."

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Guests at the Athena Charity Ball which raised £5,000 for the Alzheimer's Society

Carers' ball raises £5,000 for Alzheimer's Society

REVELLERS at a care-themed ball have raised £5,000 for a national charity.

Care providers from the Athena Health Care Group, which has homes in Ormskirk and Southport, launched the Community Activities Hub earlier this year to bring together care home residents from both areas to make friends, enjoy day trips out and hold idea sessions with other care providers for the elderly community in the North West.

The group staged the Athena Charity Ball - attended by guests including the Mayor and Mayoress of Sefton and the Mayor of Maghull - at the Ramada Hotel in Southport to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society.

Lesley Malone, Athena Health Care Group events co-ordinator, said: "The ball was enjoyed by everyone who came to the evening and supported a worthy cause. We also held an auction on the evening featuring memorabilia and sporting items.

"Now we are in the process of organising the next ball, to be held early next year, and deciding the charity to benefit."

Still time for youngsters to take up reading challenge

YOUNG book lovers are being reminded that there is still time for children of any age to take part in the Lancashire Reading Journey.

Organised by the county council, the initiative is now in its third year and runs until Saturday, September 23. Children just need to visit a library to join in and complete as many tasks as they want to, including reading books of their choice, writing, making things and exploring.

On joining youngsters receive an activity book listing 13 different Lancashire-inspired characters. Each character has four optional tasks to complete. Children can choose the characters they want to collect and the tasks they want to participate in. After completing tasks, they will be rewarded with stickers and certificates.

Any type of books can be read and stories on CD also count, as do e-books and audio downloads.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "This year more than 6,700 children have taken part in the Reading Journey so far.

"There's still a few weeks to go before the deadline, and it really is a great way to encourage children to keep reading and learning. As well as being fun, it is also a good way to boost children's literacy, which not only helps with their education but also improves their life chances in the future."

It's free to join the library and under-16s can join by themselves.

Meanwhile young people aged 12 to 24 also have the opportunity to volunteer as a 'Reading Hack' at their local library, to support children on the journey and help with organising and running events.

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MP gets action on walkway litter problem

FOLLOWING concerns raised by a number of constituents, Rosie Cooper met with Network Rail staff at Ormskirk bus station to discuss the litter situation on the walkway between the bus and rail stations.

Previously, the West Lancs MP had secured assurances from the rail company to ensure regular cleaning and maintenance of the area.

Now, having contacted West Lancs Council about the issue of litter, they have accepted the need for increased litter provision and have installed one new bin and replaced another damaged bin at the approach to the walkway.

Ms Cooper said: "I'm grateful to Network Rail and West Lancs Council for recognising constituents' concerns and the litter issues in what is the gateway to the town for many people arriving by public transport.

"We hope to see the bins used and an improved appearance of the walkway and surrounding areas.

"The two new litter bins installed, combined with commitments received from Network Rail for regular litter picks, should go some way to making commuters' and visitors' arrival to the town a more pleasant experience.

"I would encourage everyone to make use of these bins and keep the area tidy."

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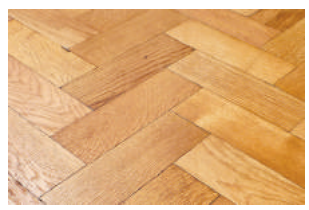

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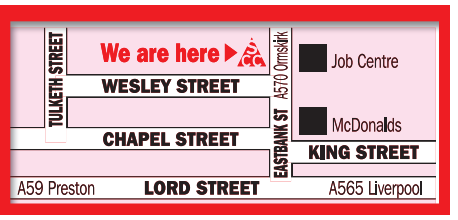

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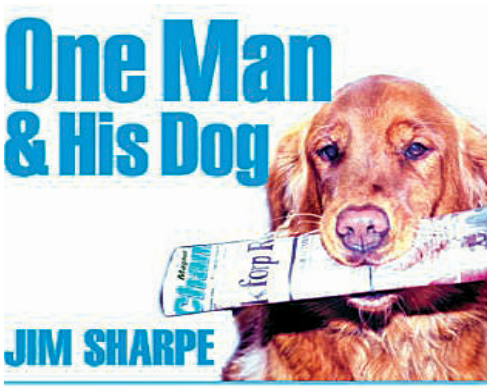

Drunks on planes? I'll stick to the trains, thanks!

I WATCHED a BBC Panorama special recently, dealing with the drunken behaviour of aeroplane passengers and the mayhem they can and do cause among fellow holidaymakers and cabin crew.

The programme honed in on the ready supply of alcohol available at airports at just about any time of the day, and the supply of duty-free miniatures obviously bought to be consumed on the aircraft.

I packed in drinking alcohol nearly half my lifetime ago (after it very nearly killed me) but while I am not proud of my former drinking habits, I was, and still am, proud of what one bar manageress once said to me: "One thing I like about you is that no matter how much you have been drinking, you still remain a gentleman."

Personally I do not wish to see Draconian measures introduced to curb the amount anyone has to drink, blanket bans would spoil many a holiday. But what was clear to me was that two measures in particular could cut drastically the problem of drunks on an aircraft.

Firstly, ban the sale of miniatures at duty free; but more importantly, refuse to let anyone clearly under the influence of alcohol board a plane in the first place. Actually, I thought this was already if not an actual law, at least a rule supposedly followed by most airlines.

This is not a problem for me anyhow. With all my money tied up in Norfolk, literally, I don't fly to Majorca or anywhere else all that often. In fact, I suppose my flying days, like the drinking ones, are now well behind me.

I used to fly largely on business trips around the UK, and back in those days of turbo prop Viscounts things were much more civilised with a drink or two on the plane simply part of the fun. I remember the first time I flew on a jet, a BAC 1-11, from Edinburgh to what was then Speke Airport. The problem with that flight was not folk drinking too much, it was drinking at all!

Being somewhat speedier than the trusty Viscount, by the time the air hostess had served coffee to those who required it and provided me and accompanying photographer with our beers - and a glass! - the 'Fasten Seat Belts' light came on and they were hurriedly taken back, the beer untouched!

Anyway, I'm by no means certain that I really want to fly. Get to the airport hours before the flight for some reason; put up with sometimes hours of delay; and then, apparently have to endure drunken brawls and sexual assaults on the plane would not a happy holiday experience make.

No, I reckon I'd rather take my chances on Eurostar or a ferry if I wanted to travel to Europe - particularly as the Panorama programme pointed out that the low price of flying these days is to a great part due to the sale of duty-free alcohol, so getting rid of the obnoxious drunks would certainly lead to a rise in the cost of flying anywhere.

Talking of the cost of travel, I remember a few years ago buying an open return for a train journey to Norwich. The price seemed somewhat high and I jokingly remarked to the ticket office guy that I could fly cut-price to New York for the same money.

His reply, I thought, was rather good. "Yes, you probably could", he said, "but most of them planes don't stop at Norwich, do they?"

I do know from my days flying that years ago there was indeed a flight from Liverpool to Norwich, though I rather suspect it was hardly that busy and certainly doesn't survive today. And even if it did, I can't see two large collie dogs being allowed either as under-seat stowage or in the luggage lockers!

Sun shines on trip to seaside

RESIDENTS of a sheltered housing scheme in Ormskirk enjoyed a day out in Southport.

Thelma Culshaw, secretary of Queens' Court in Aughton Street, said the residents, who call themselves, The Group, felt like they were on holiday because of "the lovely sunshine."

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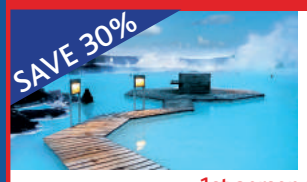

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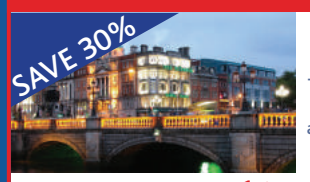

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The founders of National Dementia Carers' Day are aligned in the overall aim of raising awareness of and supporting the role of informal dementia carers.

Caring for a loved one with dementia poses many challenges for families and caregivers.

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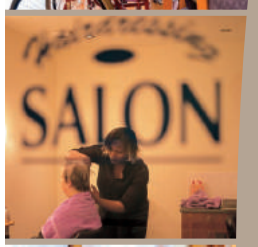

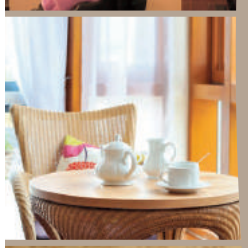

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For far too long the negative stories have dominated the press, it's time to share the positive support that takes place across the UK every day.

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Recognising the people making a difference to the lives of people with dementia every day.

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Connecting

With public awareness of the issues relating to dementia in the UK gaining momentum, National Dementia Carers' Day aims to connect all involved in these positive changes.

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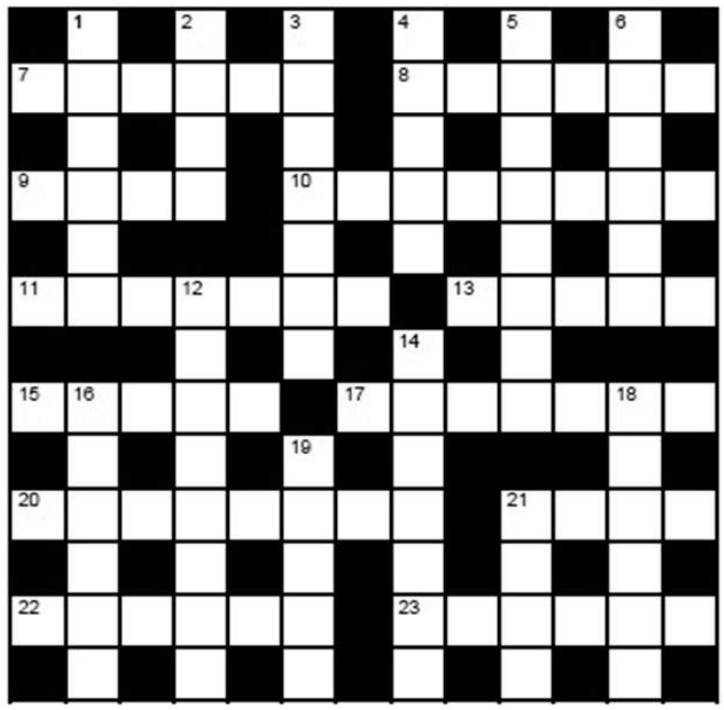

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Across: 7. Accrue. 8. Stingy. 9. Told. 10. Telegram. 11. Pre-empt. 13. Orbit. 15. Clerk. 16. Sopping. 18. Expertly. 19. Kite. 21. Endear. 22. Afraid.

Down: 1. Echo. 2. Fridge freezer. 3. Red tape. 4. Psalm. 5. Jiggery-pokery. 6. Agrarian. 12. Relaxing. 14. Copycat. 17. Stork. 20. Toil.

ACROSS

7. Not wearing shoes (6)
8. Drink alcohol, especially habitually (6)
9. Weaving machine (4)
10. Offering the promise of an attractive or enjoyable experience (8)
11. Part of the body containing the stomach and bowels (7)
13. Trivial (5)
15. Prepared (5)
17. Lively folk dance party (7)
20. Leather screens attached to a horse's bridle to keep it looking ahead (8)
21. Stumble (4)
22. Long, jagged mountain chain, especially in Spanish-seeking regions (6)
23. Reprimand, admonish (6)

DOWN

1. Bury or trap within something (6)
2. Bogus or false (4)
3. Counsellor, mentor (7)
4. Oven or range (5)
5. Join by welding at a number of separate points (4-4)
6. Saturn or Jupiter for instance (6)
12. With no special or distinctive features (8)
14. Part of a monk's or priest's head left bare on top by shaving off the hair (7)
16. Cake of choux pastry filled with cream and topped with chocolate icing (6)
18. Spirit distilled from malted grain, especially barley or rye (6)
19. Detain, hold up (5)
21. Large brass wind instrument (4)

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High flying youngsters appear at University

A GROUP of young dancers and actors which left their principal speechless following their latest performance is now recruiting new members.

Children and young people from Lancashire Youth Performing Arts (LYPA) staged a modern adaptation of the Disney classic, Peter Pan Junior at Edge Hill University in July and the young performers rendition of the timeless tale clearly impressed their audience.

Sharon Powell LYPA's Principal said: "I was lost for words when I saw the flight scene, to see the children actually flying over the Thames, around Big Ben and then onto Neverland was magical."

She added that the group received some "amazing feedback" with comments including, "A highly professional performance", "What an inclusive group, every child enjoyed themselves" and "The scenery, lighting and set was fantastic."

After a summer break LYPA has started again, meeting at the Rose Theatre, Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk, and children aged three-19 years are invited to join them.

All teaching staff are CRB checked, first aid trained and professional performers in their own right.

As well as showcasing members' talents each year with performances at the Rose Theatre they also offer nationally recognised Arts Awards from the Arts Council England.

If you would like your child to join please contact Sharon on 07801 965 104 or email: info@lypa.co.uk. Their website is www.lypauk.com.

Charlotte May (Wendy), Charlotte North (Peter Pan), Daniel Berkley (John) Sebastian Holbert (Michael)

International concert star to perform in Parbold

PARBOLD Douglas Music is to present the pianist Paul Lewis, who will be performing in the Auditorium in the Village Hall on Saturday, September 23 at 7.45pm.

He is jetting into Parbold in the middle of a six week tour of northern Europe, Ireland, Boston USA and then back to Germany.

This globe-trotting career arises from his international reputation as one of the leading musicians of his generation.

Born and raised in Liverpool, Paul Lewis is making his second visit to Parbold's Arena Auditorium. Since he last played in Parbold he has been appointed the new joint artistic director of Leeds International Piano Competition and was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Paul will be performing music by Joseph Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven and Johannes Brahms. His cycles of core piano works by Beethoven and Schubert have received unanimous critical and public acclaim worldwide, and consolidated his reputation as one of the world's foremost interpreters of the European classical repertoire.

His numerous awards have included the Royal Philharmonic Society's Instrumentalist of the Year, two Edison awards, three Gramophone awards, the Diapason D'or de l'Annee, the South Bank Show Classical Music award and many more. He appears regularly as soloist with the world's great orchestras.

Paul Lewis

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Douglas Music is supported by the Arts Council, England, Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council.

Company holding supper evening

Una Voce Opera's 21st Anniversary Opera Supper Concert

UNA Voce Opera Company are holding their 21st Anniversary Opera Supper concert at Sacred Heart College, Liverpool Road, Crosby on Saturday, October 7 2017 - 6.30pm for 7pm.

David Kirby-Ashmore (International Baritone and Composer) will be compering the evening and Ione Chadwick (soprano) will be appearing along with the Principal Singers.

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Featuring a stellar cast including Adrienne Ledson, Howard Kernahan, John Sharp and Giles Davidson, and directed by Celia Timmington, the play opens on Friday, September 22 and runs until Saturday, September 30.

Celia Timmington said: "The next production at the Little Theatre is, And Then There Were None. The large cast have learned their lines this summer between lying in the sun and the odd glass of wine. Now rehearsals are seriously busy with them enjoying shrieks of laughter followed by screams of fear. This is Agatha Christies' very best play. Not to be missed."

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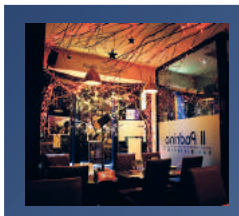

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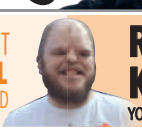

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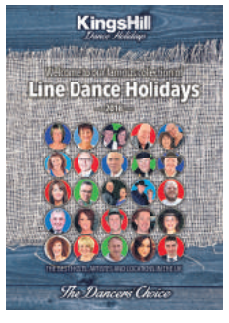

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MORLEY THOMAS
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I have always loved you Tom, from the first moment I saw you, and I always will. Sleep peacefully, Emily xxxx

Requiem Mass on Thursday September 7th 2017, at Holy Family Church, Ince Blundell at 1.15pm followed by Cremation at Southport Crematorium. Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate Tom's life and afterwards and Hightown Cricket Club. Family flowers only and donations in memory of Tom to The Broughton Catholic Charitable Society. Further enquiries to Coyne Bros. Funeral Directors, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby L37 3PE. Tel 01704 873899.

MORRIS ANN
28th August 2017
Aged 89 years

Passed away suddenly at home. Loving wife of the late Ken. Much loved Mum of Elaine, Caroline & son-in-law Ward. Devoted Nana to Rebecca, Matthew, Tom & Lauren. Ann will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will be held at Banks Methodist Chapel on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 1:15pm with cremation to follow at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Arthritis Research UK. Further enquiries to H.Johnson & Sons, 1a Ralph's Wifes Lane, Banks 01704 505252

DEATHS

LYONS DOREEN Nee HILL
22nd August 2017
Suddenly at her home, aged 69 years

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HALL JUDY
28th August 2017
Aged 76 years

Passed away peacefully. Judy spent her last evening with her loving children Dominic and Emma by her side. Much loved Ma Ma of Julian, Ben, Kara and Logan. Judy will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 8th September at 12:00 noon. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

STOTT REX
29th August 2017
Aged 92 years

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DEATHS

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Passed away peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice on 4th September 2017
Aged 85 years of Southport

Much loved Husband of Nina, Dearly loved Dad of David and Alison. Dear Father-In-Law of Paul and Cori. Devoted Grandpa of Anna, Harry, Karris, Tayvis & Andris, dear Brother of Richard and the late John, Sister-In-Law of Janet and the late Paddy. Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 15th September 2017 at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ Tel: 01695 424888

WRIGHT ALLEN
18th August 2017
Aged 90 years

Passed away peacefully. Dearly beloved Husband of the late Irene, loving Father of Allen, dear Grandfather of Edward, Thomas and Kathryn, Brother of Mary and the late Eva. Allen will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 11th September at 2.00pm. Donations are being gratefully received for Alzheimer's Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

MUIR ARTHUR
2nd September 2017
Passed away peacefully at home
Aged 81 years of Aughton

Much loved Husband of Beryl, devoted Dad of Alan, Stephen, Karen & Gillian, and a fun loving Grandad to all his 14 Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 12th September at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Parkinson's Research and Parkinson's UK (Ormskirk & District branch) Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

Announcements

DEATHS

CHADWICK KENNETH (Ken)
1st September 2017

I lost my life's companion.
A life link with my own, you're still mine to remember,
A Husband proud to own.
Loving Wife Lorraine

CHADWICK KENNETH (Ken)
1st September 2017

Remembering you is easy Grandad, we do it every day, and missing you is something that will never go away. Luke, Alfy and Elsie-Leigh

CHADWICK KENNETH (Ken)
1st September 2017

Goodbye to you Dear Brother, you deserve eternal rest you cared so much for everyone and always did your best Jimmy, Irene, Gary, Amanda and Brian.

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CHADWICK KENNETH (Ken)
1st September 2017

You've earned your place in Heaven Dad, After all that you've been through, we wish we could have helped you but there was nothing we could do, peacefully sleeping now out of pain, we would not wake you up to suffer again
Kenneth and David

DEATHS

CHADWICK KENNETH (Ken)
1st September 2017

Two smiling eyes stopped smiling, a golden heart stood still, we don't know why God took you, and guess we never will. He only lent you to us, then came and took you back, to us you were so precious, your life was full of fun, a caring loving Son.
Loving Mum X

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CHADWICK KENNETH (Ken)
1st September 2017
Peacefully at home
Aged 51 years

Loving Husband of Lorraine, devoted Dad of Kenneth and David, Dear Father-In-Law of Katie, Cherished Grandad of Luke, Alfy, Elsie-Leigh, and much loved Son of Miriam and Brian (deceased). Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Skem Men-Aces. Funeral details and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

CRAVEN EDWIN GEORGE (EDDIE)
30th August 2017
Peacefully in Aintree Hospital, aged 83 years

Dearly Loved Husband of Ida. Loving Brother in Law of Maureen. Much Loved Dear Uncle of Steven, David, and wife Kathy. Dearest Great Uncle of Emma and Andrew. Eddie will be sadly missed by Family and Friends for his great sense of humour and friendly nature, admired and loved by everyone. Funeral Service at St. Michaels Church Aughton on Tuesday 12th September at 2.00pm. Cremation following at West Lancashire Crematorium. Pippin Street Burscough L40 7SP. Family flowers only please but Donations if desired for Parkinsons UK (Ormskirk Branch) c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service. 7 Dover Road, Maghull L31 5JB. Tel 0151 520 3330 or via www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

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DEATHS

PILKINGTON BARBARA

August 25th 2017
After a short illness
aged 88 years

Much loved Wife of Robert (Bob), Loving Mum of Susan and David and dear Mother-in-law of Robert and Jane and devoted to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Barbara will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 8th September at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the Southport Kidney Fund. All enquiries please to H Porters Funeral Directors 111a Bispham Road, Southport PR9 7BJ Tel 01704 212714.

RIMMER THOMAS (TOMMY)

25th August 2017
Aged 63 years

Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family, devoted Dad of Gary and Andrew, dear Father-in-law of Kathryn and a cherished Brother of Brian, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service took place on Tuesday 5th September at St Helens Crematorium, it was family flowers only by request and donations are being gratefully accepted for Queenscourt Hospice in memory of Tommy. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

DIGNUM HILDA

August 28th 2017
92 years
Passed away in Hospital

Beloved Wife of the late Peter. Mum to Valerie & Peter. Mum-In-Law to Wal & Beryl. Grandmother to Andrew & Claudia. Much loved Auntie, deeply missed by all the family. Funeral Thursday 7th September 1pm at St. Helens Crematorium. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel: 01695 731199

DEATHS

COOPER LILIAN (Lil)

30th August 2017
Aged 85 years

Beloved Wife of Bill, Mother of Elaine, Bill & Jayne. Mother-In-Law of Des, Barbara & Rob. Grandmother of Nicola, Samantha, Thomas & Charlotte. Passed away peacefully at home. God saw you getting weary, a cure was not to be, he put his arms around you and whispered come to me. Funeral Service and Burial at West Lancs Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough at 1pm on Monday 11th September 2017. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Woodlands Hospice. All enquiries to Cravens Funeral Service, 44 Liverpool Road, Lydiate, L31 2LZ Tel: 0151 531 7890 Where Lilian will be resting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JOHNSON ROGER

The family of the late Roger would like to express their sincere thanks, to all relatives, friends and neighbours, for all the many messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations to Parkinson UK, received during their recent sad loss.

PRAYERS

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

L.G.

IN MEMORIAM

MCLEAN JOAN

Passed away
1 year ago
10th September 2016

Mum, miss you more than words can say.
You are in my heart,
in my thoughts,
in my life,
always.
Love Gavin, Lilian Patrick and Caitlin xx

MCLEAN JOAN

Passed away
1 year ago
10th September 2016

You are always in our thoughts.
You will never be forgotten.
Always looking up at you at nights.
Love Keith, Linda, Robert, David, Callum and Leah xx

MCLEAN JOAN

Passed away
1 year ago
10th September 2016

In our thoughts every day.
If love could have saved you,
You would have lived forever.
Love Julie, Lee, Ellen and Matthew xx

MCLEAN JOAN

Passed away
1 year ago
10th September 2016

You don't know what you've got until it's gone.
I miss you so much Mum,
I always will.
Love Malcolm, Gill, Darryl and Holly xx

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IN MEMORIAM

WILKINSON KEN

6th September 2014

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All our love
Val, Angie, Andy, Kenny, Alan, Rob, Kathy, Janet, Karen, Scott and Carly
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MATTHEWS THOMAS H

10th September 2016

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Love you to the moon and back.
Sheila and family
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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0791/FUL Proposed garage for mixed commercial - domestic use at The Owl Business Centre, 47 School Lane, Up Holland.

Application No: 2017/0840/FUL Conversion and extension of existing garage to create dwelling at The Owl Business Centre, 47 School Lane, Up Holland.

Application No: 2017/0852/FUL Demolition of garage/store and re-modelling of outbuildings including single storey extension to side and rear at Newburgh Post Office, Course Lane, Newburgh.

Application No: 2017/0853/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of garage and re-modelling of outbuildings including single storey extension to side and rear at Newburgh Post Office, Course Lane, Newburgh.

Application No: 2017/0889/LBC Listed Building Consent - Single storey side extension at 5 Blythe Meadow, High Lane, Ormskirk.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated: 6th September 2017 PDNOT964

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MILL LANE, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Mill Lane, Appley Bridge from Appley Lane North to Wigan Boundary.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on 18/09/2017 until 27/09/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Appley Lane North – Skull House Lane – Mill Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/9189/SN]

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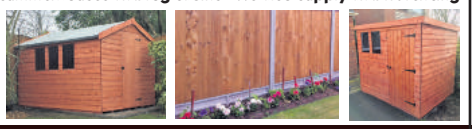
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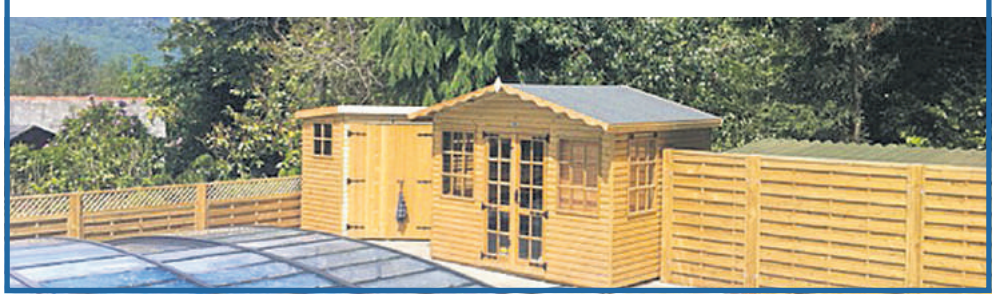

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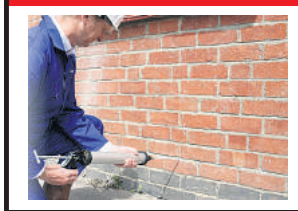

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IT'S BEEN a while since I've had a pen pal but I seem to have picked one up at *Classic Car Weekly*. He doesn't write often but the topic's always the same – I'm apparently guilty of glamourising driving dangerously on rural roads.

So he'll no doubt be writing in when he discovers I've just spent a weekend driving around the Scottish Highlands, not to visit a distant aunt in Fort William, but *for fun*.

I'll admit it; I did nearly 1000 miles over four days for no good reason other than to drive on great roads simply because I enjoy doing it.

We'll start with the location. Pick up any of the glossy travel mags and they'll tell you that the A82 between Glasgow and Glencoe is Europe's best stretch of road but this simply isn't true – you can't enjoy driving it because you'll be stuck behind a lorry winding its way up to Inverness, and you can't stop to admire the view because all the laybys are full of Dutch motorhomes.

But the A87 and the A887 are utterly wonderful. Set off from Southport tomorrow morning and you'll be there by mid-afternoon, and because you'll want to stay overnight you'll be giving the Scottish economy a helping hand, too.

But the real joy is you can do all of this without going anywhere remotely near a speed limit.

Yes, I'll freely admit that there were far too many people up in the Highlands driving dangerously in BMW X5s and doing silly overtakes in Honda Civic Type-Rs, but that's something you're as likely to see in Parbold as you are in Pitlochry.

The trick is to drive around in a car that thrills at real world speeds.

I spent the weekend up there in my Mazda MX-5 but you'd be just as happy in any MG, Caterham, Lotus or Alfa Spider – and if you do need something with an extra set of seats, anything vaguely old with a Peugeot, Ford or BMW badge up front should suit the bill.

Some of the best drives I've ever done have been at the helm of a derv-driven Peugeot 306 and a 15-year-old Ford Mondeo, so don't knock 'em until you've tried them!

But the end result is always the same; you emerge with a smile on your face, the Highlands economy gets a boost, and – unless you really do drive like a berk – Police Scotland don't have to deal with unnecessary paperwork.

Drive sensibly of course, but freely admit that it's something you enjoy, like playing a piano or going fishing.

I might even arrange for my pen pal to go up there and for there to be an Austin-Healey 3000 waiting at the other end. Chances are, I suspect he'll enjoy it....

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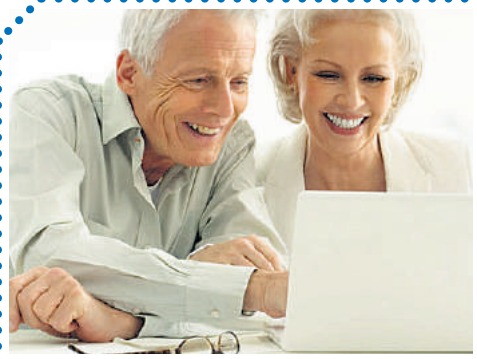

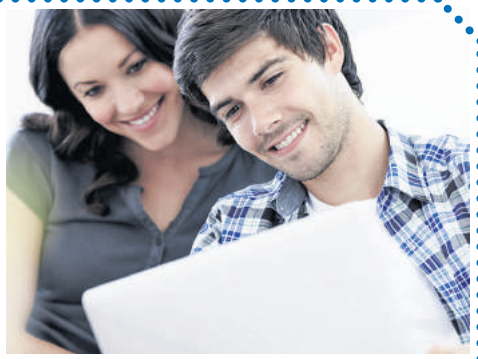

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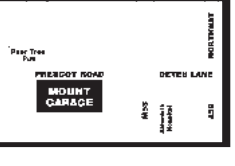

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Ormskirk CC players, supporters and officials celebrate after the triple success.

Howzat for a historic Ormskirk hat-trick!

ORMKSIRK Cricket Club are celebrating an amazing hat-trick after all its three senior teams won their league titles on Saturday.

The 1st XI drew at Bootle and after choosing to bat they piled up 239-1 dec thanks to runs from Andy Baybutt 46 and two unbeaten knocks from Michael Jones 90* and Josh Bohannon (80.)

In reply, the title was secured when Tom Hartley bowled Bootle skipper Craig Prince with the score on 97-4 and gave the visitors the extra point needed to lift the trophy, before the match then petered out in to a draw.

The 3rds claimed their title at Sefton Park with an 8 wicket win and 20 points.

It was then just down to the 2nds to complete the hat-trick and after they thrashed Birkenhead Park to collect 25 points they later learned that was enough to secure thier title too.

Ormskirk CC chairman Tim Dickinson said he was "very proud" of the achievement.

Ormskirk First XI are still hoping to win their own hat-trick of titles by winning the Lancashire Knockout and National Cup. They were due to play their Lancashire Knockout final match against Lowerhouse at Old Trafford on Sunday but the match was abandoned with Ormskirk 31-1 off 9 overs, the replay will now take place this Sunday at Blackpool CC starting at 11am.

Ormskirk visit New Brighton on Saturday.

● In the First Division on Saturday Burscough recorded a 36 run win at Birkenhead Park, Brendan Domigan top scored with an unbeaten 96 as the visitors were dismissed for 205 with Harris taking 5-82. In reply, Ben Van Niekerk took 6-48 to help bowl out the hosts for 169.

Skem fall at first hurdle in FA Cup

Skelmersdale United 1
Handsworth Parramore 2

SKELMERSDALE fell at the first hurdle in the FA Cup and it proved to be a costly loss as it meant the club missed out on £3,000 worth in prize money.

The game itself was a close one from start to finish and it could be said that neither team deserved to lose such was the intensity.

Skem went ahead on 18 minutes when Howarth's enterprise down the left saw the ball delivered low into the penalty area.

A poor clearance saw the ball run to Mooney on the 18 yard line and he created himself an angle to drive the ball across goal into the bottom corner.

Ten minutes later-Handsworth equalised when tidy build-up down the right put the ball at number nine Simon Harrison's feet. He jinked back and forth across the edge of the penalty area before firing the ball low inside Jack Sims right-hand post.

The winning goal which arrived on 69 minutes had more than an element of luck about it or at the very least was unorthodox.

Danny Buttle got a cross in from the left and the ball dropped near the penalty spot to Moxam who was leaning back, his left-foot shot hit the ground a yard in front of him and looped agonisingly into the top corner of the net.

Skelmersdale threw everything at Handsworth and pushed men forwards late on but wave after wave of attacks were thwarted.

Skem were due to face Droylsden last night (Tuesday, September 5) before they host Hyde United this Saturday.

Linnets prove hard to beat

Northwich Victoria 1
Burscough 1

IT'S been a while since Burscough supporters could look upon their team with a degree of optimism, but now the time is here, *writes Neil Leathernbarrow.*

They moved up two places in the league table on the back of three draws in a row, proving they are becoming hard to beat.

Saturday's trip to Northwich Victoria should have yielded three points but for a couple of excellent saves from former Burscough goalkeeper Richie Mottram.

Victoria opened the scoring when Jake Pollard lofted a free-kick high into the Linnets penalty area and home centre-half Reece Lyndon rose above everyone to put a header firmly inside the right-hand post.

On 33 minutes, Burscough's Ayinbong Mabhena brought a good save out of Vic's goalkeeper Mottram, then from a corner Will Threlkeld hit the crossbar as Mottram floundered.

Cummings was causing problems and on 56 minutes he got his reward. After a nice exchange on the right he cut into the area and went to strike the ball across the penalty area, a defender stuck out his hand and a penalty was given.

Up stepped the experienced Alex Parkes and Mottram had no chance of saving the equaliser.

For the next 25 minutes Burscough dominated. Lyndon saved Northwich in the 65th minute when he cleared off the line from Cummings after a swift passing build-up, then Threlkeld shot over the crossbar after Cummings set him up.

Both teams had to settle for a point in the end, but Dave Sutton is enthusiastic about his team and after the match he said: "We are a team based on hard work, we play good football and the young players are learning all the time and getting better all the time.

"We have a good coaching staff and the players have bought into what is going on,"

Burscough were due to host Padiham last night (Tuesday) before a trip on Saturday to Runcorn Town.

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